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# REPORTS

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No. ....

**SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**

OF THE

**TOWN OF SOUTH HAMPTON,**

**FROM MARCH 1, 1851, TO MARCH 1, 1852:**

**SALISBURY:**

**CURRIER & GERRISH:**

1852.

## SCHOOL REPORT OF SOUTH HAMPTON.

ering her youth and inexperience, she succeeded very well. By kindness she obtained the confidence and good will of the pupils and the general approbation of the district. The government of the school was not what we could desire, nor did the scholars generally appear on examination to be so thoroughly versed in their studies as they should be. We do not, however, attribute this failure in the studies to neglect on the part of the teacher; for we think she manifested a very commendable degree of zeal, and interest in her pupils welfare. She laboured under great embarrassment from irregularity of attendance, and some for a want of suitable books. The present condition of this school, we think, requires the care of a faithful, experienced teacher, together with cheerful co-operation of the parents to make it what it should be.

The Summer School commenced April 28th and continued twenty weeks.— The winter term began Dec. 15th, and continued four weeks and two thirds. The studies pursued were, Reading, Orthography, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, History, Algebra, Physiology and Chemistry.

The School in District No. 3, has been taught by Susan L. Currier. We have been highly gratified with the appearance of this School. In Miss Currier's management, we saw little to find fault with and much to commend. Under her care the scholars have made good improvement in their studies, and showed, on examination, that they had been thoroughly taught. We are gratified to learn that they have decided to build a new School House in this district. The School commenced May 20th, and continued twenty and one-half weeks. The studies pursued were Reading, Orthography, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Anatomy and Physiology.

The school in District No. 4, has been taught by Harriet Homer. We think it greatly to the disadvantage of this School that it is so small. A teacher has very little to stimulate her to exertion, and the scholars little to excite them to emulation. We think it would require one of rare qualifications to succeed to any considerable extent in this district. We are of the opinion that it would be very much for the interest of this district for a portion of it to unite with the adjoining district in Newton, and the other part with district No. 1, in this town.

The School commenced Nov. 10th, and continued thirteen and two thirds weeks. The studies were, Reading, Orthography, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PAIGE,  
JONATHAN BEEDE,  
SAMUEL LADD,

} Sup. School  
} Committee of  
} South Hampton.



days a competent teacher can command a liberal compensation for his services; and this is as it should be. If then we want good teachers, (and who does not) we must be willing to pay accordingly. Even if we had less amount of schooling in weeks, the quality of the school would far out-balance this consideration. Again, no wise person will think it good economy to send his children to school unprovided with suitable books. We know that it is no small tax for one who has several children to educate to keep them supplied with the most approved school books; changes have now become so frequent. But as in husbandry and the mechanic arts, whoever would keep up with the times must attend to the improvements which are making in agricultural and mechanical implements, so in education. If parents wish to have their children's education adapted to the day in which they live, they must place in their hands such books as contain the latest improvements.

While in many respects right views in regard to what constitutes a good common school seem to prevail among our citizens, there is one other point in regard to which they do not appear to be properly awake, and that is, the importance of good School Houses. In order for a pupil to make the most rapid progress in his studies, his situation ought to be as agreeable as circumstances will allow. An inconvenient and unpleasant school room is greatly calculated to beget within the mind of a child a distaste for learning, he dreads to go to school, it is too much like a prison, and the idea of study, or learning, is associated in his mind with the disagreeable school room; hence he very naturally obtains a dislike for the whole subject of education.

We feel compelled to say that the school Houses in this Town need very much to be improved.

The school in District No. 1, has been under the care of Mary A. Eaton during the whole season. It affords us pleasure to say that in our judgment she has discharged her duties faithfully. She seems to possess a passion for teaching and is quite in her element when surrounded by her pupils, "teaching the young ideas how to shoot."

She possesses great energy of character, and independence almost to a fault. She is very precise and orderly in her management and always finds enough to do herself and for her pupils. As might be expected, the scholars have made rapid progress in their studies, and gave good evidence on examination of having been thoroughly taught. This school commenced April 14th, and continued sixteen weeks. The winter term commenced Aug. 23d and continued twenty-three and a half weeks. The studies pursued have been, Reading, Orthography, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Algebra.

The school in district No. 2, has been under the care of Mary M. Merrill, both Summer and Winter. This was her first effort at teaching; and consid-

The Superintending School Committee of South Hampton, submit the following as their

## REPORT:

It is highly gratifying to us to state, and we trust will be for the citizens of this town to know, that our schools have generally been in a prosperous condition during the past year.

General harmony has prevailed in the districts; the teachers for the most part have given good satisfaction; and the children have been pleased and benefitted.

We trust the standard of common School education is becoming elevated, and that parents and guardians are beginning to feel a greater degree of interest in their children's education and consequently in the character of the schools which they attend. We trust, also, that the time has gone by when the principal thing looked to in employing a teacher, was the *expense*. Our Prudential Committee have too much good sense to suppose that it is good economy to make it a point to employ cheap teachers, they are not ignorant that suitable moral and intellectual qualifications are rarely found in this class. They reason very conclusively when they infer that the individual who is willing to teach for a very moderate compensation, can be of but little account. In these



## Statement of the Finances of the Town of South Hampton,

March 4, 1852:

The Selectmen have received from all sources	\$1420 47
And have paid out for the several purposes aforementioned	1215 69

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Leaving cash on hand	\$204 78
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## Due from the several Collectors.

Merrill Flanders 1847-48	6 74
Thomas Flanders, Jr., 1849-50	12 47
John Page, 1851	57 54

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Cash due from Collectors and cash on hand	\$281 53
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Town owes Samuel Barnard	\$60 00
" " Sally A. Barnard	65 00
Due School District No. 3, school-house tax	150 00

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\$275 00

Leaving a balance in favor of the town	\$6 53
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## Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Paid James M. Jewell for boarding Richard Bartlett for one year	} \$52 00
from March 18, 1851, to March 18, 1852	
" Clothing said Bartlett	9 89
" for boarding John Armstrong at the Insane Asylum at Concord one year from March 1, 1851, to March 1, 1852	} 104 00
" Clothing for said Armstrong	
	22 73

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\$188 62

## TOWN REPORT OF SOUTH HAMPTON.

## EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1	\$148 46
" " 2	70 48
" " 3	51 32
" " 4	42 14
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	\$312 40

## Town Officers.

" Selectmen's services	\$42 00
" for House and stationery	8 00
" Town Clerk's fees	10 00
" Collector's fees	6 54
" Superintending School Committee, S. Ladd \$10,00; } J. Bedee \$2,00; J. Page \$5,00; }	17 00
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	\$83 54

## Bridges.

To sundry persons for timber and labor	\$18 38
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## Contingent Expenses.

" for printing Town and Superintending Committee's } Report, and procuring the same }	12 10
" " Collector's book	75
" C. Osgood Morse for making Military Roll	1 00
" Tax Bills	2 00
" Discount on Taxes	29 23
" School District No. 1 for building fence	35 50
" J. W. Eaton for timber platform Town House	4 59
" A. Jewell, building platform, timber and nails	4 29
" B. F. Hill care of Town House and mending hearse harness	4 00
" " " attending funerals with hearse eight times	6 00
" A. J. Fitts plough beam broken on the road	1 00
" Non residents labor on highway	84 33
" T. J. Goodwin, postage bill	20
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	\$185 99



# TOWN REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 7, 1851,	\$22 01
From State Treasurer for Military Duty	15 00
" Samuel Barnard	40 00
" Literary Fund	15 88
" Bounty on Crows	6 80
" Grass on Burying Grounds	2 75
Collector for 1851	1250 08
" " 1850	15 80
By abatement on Barnard School Fund }	
" " " " " 1849	16 03
By abatement on taxes. 1850	2 38
Collector for 1850	7 47
" " " 1848	1 20
Overseer of the Poor	25 07
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	\$1420 47

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax	\$148 20
" County "	274 36
" Overseer of the Poor	101 96
" Samuel Barnard, note and interest	45 40
" Sally A. Barnard, interest on note	3 90
Bounty on Crows	6 80
" Soldiers for military duty (by vote of town)	12 00
" abatement of Stephen Currier's heirs' tax for 1850	3 48
" " Barnard School Fund tax	15 80
" " on other taxes for 1850	2 38
" Moses Eaton's tax for 1851	2 08
" Alfred Jewell, " " "	21
" J. B. French & Co., tax for 1851	81
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	\$615 38

## Overseer of the Poor's Services.

Going to Concord to settle a bill against the town for the support of John Armstrong	6 50
One day's time and expense to Exeter in relation to County Paupers	2 50
Going to Salisbury twice in relation to John Armstrong	3 00
Time taking care of Richard Bartlett	3 00

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\$15 00

Received of the County for support of John Armstrong - - - 126 73

Received of the town - - - - - 76 89

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\$203 62

JOHN GALE, *Overseer of the Poor.*

*South Hampton, March 4. 1852.*

**THOMAS FLANDERS, JR.,**  
**GILMAN B. CURRIER,**  
**PHILIPS WHITE,**

} **SELECTMEN.**

The undersigned have examined the Selectmen's account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

**ALFRED JEWELL,**  
**LENNAMIN SAWYER,**

} **AUDITORS**





